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**In the Title:**

Please amend the title to replace "Novel tRNA Synthetase" with --Methionyl tRNA Synthetase Polypeptides from *Staphylococcus Aureus*--.

**In the Abstract:**

Please amend the abstract to replace

" The invention provides tRNA synthetase polypeptides and DNA (RNA) encoding tRNA synthetase polypeptides and methods for producing such polypeptides by recombinant techniques. Also provided are methods for utilizing tRNA synthetase polypeptide for the protection against infection, particularly bacterial infection."

with

-- The invention provides methionyl tRNA synthetase (tRS) enzymes from *Staphylococcus aureus* and methods of producing such tRS by recombinant techniques. Also provided are methods for utilizing tRS for the protection against infection, particularly bacterial infection, most particularly *Staphylococcus aureus* infection. --

**Remarks**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2000 (Paper No. 12). Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the subject application in view thereof are respectfully requested.

**Title**

The title was objected to as informal. Applicant has amended the title as suggested by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.